

AMENDMENTS

In the Claims

The following is a marked-up version of the claims with the language that is underlined (“___”) being added and the language that contains strikethrough (“—”) being deleted:

1. (Canceled)
2. (Currently Amended) A device for cleaning an ear of corn, the corn including at least one of shuck and silk, said device comprising:
a platform having a top surface and a bottom surface;
a cob cleaner aperture arranged in said platform, said cob cleaner aperture being configured to receive an ear of corn therethrough; and
a cleaning member extending into said cob cleaner aperture, said cleaning member being configured to engage an ear of corn inserted into said cob cleaner aperture such that, as an ear of corn is rotated and pressed against at least a portion of said cleaning member, at least a portion of at least one of the shuck and silk are removed from the ear of corn;
~~The device of claim 1, further comprising:~~
a cob support aperture arranged in said platform, said cob support aperture being configured to receive only a portion of the ear of corn and support the ear of corn in a substantially upright manner.

3. (Original) The device of claim 2, further comprising:

an elongated support member extending from said bottom surface of said platform and being substantially axially aligned with said cob support aperture;

wherein said cob support aperture and said elongated support portion are arranged and configured to releasably receive an ear of corn and support the ear of corn.

4. (Currently Amended) A device for cleaning an ear of corn, the corn including at least one of shuck and silk, said device comprising:

a platform having a top surface and a bottom surface;

a cob cleaner aperture arranged in said platform, said cob cleaner aperture being configured to receive an ear of corn therethrough; and

a cleaning member extending into said cob cleaner aperture, said cleaning member being configured to engage an ear of corn inserted into said cob cleaner aperture such that, as an ear of corn is rotated and pressed against at least a portion of said cleaning member, at least a portion of at least one of the shuck and silk are removed from the ear of corn;

~~The device of claim 1, further comprising:~~

a cob removal aperture disposed through said thickness of said platform, said cob removal aperture being arranged and configured to receive an ear of corn and support the ear of corn while an item engaging the cob is disengaged therefrom.

5. (Currently Amended) The device of claim ~~1~~2, further comprising:

a cutting surface disposed on said top surface of said platform.

6. (Currently Amended) A device for cleaning an ear of corn, the corn including at least one of shuck and silk, said device comprising:

a platform having a top surface and a bottom surface;

a cob cleaner aperture arranged in said platform, said cob cleaner aperture being configured to receive an ear of corn therethrough; and

a cleaning member extending into said cob cleaner aperture, said cleaning member being configured to engage an ear of corn inserted into said cob cleaner aperture such that, as an ear of corn is rotated and pressed against at least a portion of said cleaning member, at least a portion of at least one of the shuck and silk are removed from the ear of corn;

a cutting surface disposed on said top surface of said platform;

~~The device of claim 5, further comprising:~~

a cutting tool level extending from said top surface of said platform and being substantially adjacent said cutting surface; and

a cutting tool level adjuster being disposed on said cutting tool level, said cutting tool level adjuster being movable longitudinally along said cutting tool level;

wherein said cutting tool level and said cutting tool level adjuster can align a cutting tool to a position level with said cutting surface when the cutting tool contacts said cutting surface and said cutting tool level adjuster.

7. (Currently Amended) The device of claim 1-2, further comprising a cutting tool holder.

8. (Currently Amended) The device of claim ~~1~~2, further comprising:

a platform support extending from said bottom surface of said platform, said platform support being arranged and configured to engage a receptacle for collecting waste from cleaning an ear of corn.

9. (Original) A device for cleaning an ear of corn encased in shuck and silk comprising:

a platform, said platform having a top surface, a bottom surface and a thickness;

a cob cleaner aperture disposed through said thickness of said platform, said cob cleaner aperture being arranged and configured to receive at least a portion of an ear of corn therethrough;

a cleaning member having bristles, said cleaning member being disposed substantially adjacent said cob cleaner aperture and capable of engaging the ear of corn such that as the ear of corn is rotated and pressed against at least a portion of said cleaning member a portion of at least one of the shuck and silk are removed from the ear of corn;

a cob support aperture disposed through said thickness of said platform, said cob support aperture being arranged and configured to receive at least a portion of the ear of corn and support the ear of corn;

an elongated support member extending from said bottom surface of said platform being conically-shaped and substantially axially aligned with said cob support aperture, wherein said cob support aperture and said elongated support portion are adapted to releasably receive at least a portion of the ear of corn and support the ear of corn;

a cob removal aperture disposed through said thickness of said platform, said cob support aperture being arranged and configured to receive at least a portion of the ear of corn and support the ear of corn;

a grip disposed within said cob removal aperture, said grip protruding into said cob removal aperture and being adapted to inhibit rotation of the ear of corn when engaged therewith;

a cutting surface disposed on said top surface of said platform;

a cutting tool level extending from said top surface of said platform and being substantially adjacent said cutting surface;

a cutting tool level adjuster being disposed on said cutting tool level, said cutting tool level adjuster being movable longitudinally along said cutting tool level, wherein said cutting tool level and said cutting tool level adjuster can align a cutting tool to a position level with said cutting surface; and

a platform support extending from said bottom surface of said platform, said platform support being arranged and configured to engage a receptacle for collecting waste from cleaning an ear of corn.

10. – 17. (Canceled)

18. (New) The device of claim 4, further comprising:

a cob support aperture arranged in said platform, said cob support aperture being configured to receive only a portion of the ear of corn and support the ear of corn in a substantially upright manner.

19. (New) The device of claim 18, further comprising:
an elongated support member extending from said bottom surface of said platform and
being substantially axially aligned with said cob support aperture;
wherein said cob support aperture and said elongated support portion are arranged and
configured to releasably receive an ear of corn and support the ear of corn.
20. (New) The device of claim 6, further comprising:
a cob support aperture arranged in said platform, said cob support aperture being
configured to receive only a portion of the ear of corn and support the ear of corn in a
substantially upright manner.
21. (New) The device of claim 20, further comprising:
an elongated support member extending from said bottom surface of said platform and
being substantially axially aligned with said cob support aperture;
wherein said cob support aperture and said elongated support portion are arranged and
configured to releasably receive an ear of corn and support the ear of corn.
22. (New) The device of claim 2, further comprising:
a cob removal aperture disposed through said thickness of said platform, said cob
removal aperture being arranged and configured to receive an ear of corn and support the ear of
corn while an item engaging the cob is disengaged therefrom.

23. (New) The device of claim 6, further comprising:
a cob removal aperture disposed through said thickness of said platform, said cob removal aperture being arranged and configured to receive an ear of corn and support the ear of corn while an item engaging the cob is disengaged therefrom.
24. (New) The device of claim 4, further comprising:
a cutting surface disposed on said top surface of said platform.
25. (New) The device of claim 4, further comprising a cutting tool holder.
26. (New) The device of claim 6, further comprising a cutting tool holder.
27. (New) The device of claim 4, further comprising:
a platform support extending from said bottom surface of said platform, said platform support being arranged and configured to engage a receptacle for collecting waste from cleaning an ear of corn.
28. (New) The device of claim 6, further comprising:
a platform support extending from said bottom surface of said platform, said platform support being arranged and configured to engage a receptacle for collecting waste from cleaning an ear of corn.